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Ground breaking date set

New diagnostic lab project gets greenlight

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The long-awaited announcement of a ground breaking for the new diagnostic lab building has arrived. The event will take place on Tuesday, October 21st at 10:30 a.m., according to a joint announcement Monday afternoon by Elba Mayor James Grimes and representatives of

Agriculture Commissioner Ron Sparks. The building will be located immediately behind the existing J. B. Taylor Diagnostic Lab.

The two and a quarter million dollar project has received final approval, and the construction bid was let to a Headland construction firm, R. & S. Construction. Basic funding for

the facility is with bond issue money approved by Alabama voters several years ago. An additional \$700,000 of funds were received from the federal government, through the efforts of the Alabama legislative delegation, led by Senator Richard Shelby and actively supported by Senator Jeff Sessions and Representative Terry Everett.

Swearing-in held for board of registrar members

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Three Coffee County residents began a four year commitment to the county Wednesday morning, Oct. 1, after being sworn in as members of the Coffee County Board of Registrars.

Gil Kelley, Robert Hooks and Fay McCrary each accepted an appointment to the board of registrars, and will serve until Sept. 30, 2007.

The official swearing-in ceremony was held last Wednesday at the Coffee County Courthouse - Enterprise building, and Coffee County Probate Judge William O. Gammill delivered the oath of office.

Kelley began his third term as a member of the board and was recommended by the Coffee County Republican Committee. He was appointed to the board by Governor Bob Riley.

Hooks entered his second

term on the board and was recommended by the Coffee County Democratic Committee. His appointment came from Ron Sparks, Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries.

McCrary, the new comer to the group, also received recommendation from the Coffee County Republican Committee. She was appointed by State Auditor Beth Chapman.

The board members said they were happy to receive the appointment and ready to get to work.

The Coffee County Board of Registrars office is located at the county complex in New Brockton, and the board oversees voter registration within the county, as well as, keeping the voter data base current.

The upcoming year will be a busy one for the board of registrars as it will be redistricting the more than 22,000 Coffee County voters. This falls in line with the new district lines drawn by the county commission following the 2000 Census report, and voters will be notified of this before June 2004.

For more information on becoming a registered voter or to update any voter information, call the Coffee County Board of Registrars at 894-5347.

Olean Smith proud to be involved with Habitat for Humanity

by Linda Hodge, Editor

It is hard to believe nearly a year has passed since Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County helped make one Elba resident's dream become a reality, but Olean Smith has not forgotten the blessing she received.

It was Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002 when Smith received the keys to her new home, and 10 months later she said it still feels new to her.

"I'm still enjoying it," she said. "And, I appreciate all the help I received from the people here in Elba and Enterprise."

Being a home owner is something Smith said she had always hoped to become, but as she got older, she began to wonder if she would achieve it. Through the assistance of Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County, Smith's family became the second Coffee County family to realize that dream.

"Everything turned out just fine," Smith said. "It's a good feeling to become a home owner."

She credits the people involved with Habitat for Humanity with helping her understand that good feeling.

The mission of Habitat for Humanity has been stated to be the elimination of sub-standard housing in the world one house at a time, and it provides an opportunity for someone to become a homeowner when they otherwise would not be able to do so.

Before becoming involved with Habitat for Humanity, Smith lived in an apartment with the two grandchildren she is raising, and she said the grandchildren love having a home with their own backyard to play in.

"I often ask them if they want to go back to the old apartment," Smith said. "They quickly say no."

As for the people of Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County, Smith said they will always have a special place in her heart, and she often thinks about each and every one of them.

"Habitat for Humanity is a

nice thing to participate in, and I wish everyone could own their own home," she said.

Habitat for Humanity of Coffee County is currently working to build its third home in Coffee County and continues to rely deeply on the assistance of the community through donations of labor and money.

The home under construction is being built in Enterprise; however, the organization hopes to one day build additional homes in Elba, and Smith said she looks forward to having fellow Habitat home recipients as neighbors.

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COLLISION SENDS TWO TO THE HOSPITAL...Emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle accident Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 1, at the intersection of Claxton Avenue and Whitman Avenue shortly after 4 p.m. Upon arrival at the scene, officers discovered that a 1989 Ford Festiva, driven by Mary Catherine Barnes, age 48, of Elba, had collided with a 1984 Honda Accord, driven by Dawn Elizabeth Merklin, age 38, also of Elba. According to reports, Barnes was attempting to make a left turn off Whitman Avenue with her view obstructed by traffic stopped in the roadway on Claxton Ave. When she attempted to make the left turn, her vehicle was struck by Merklin's vehicle. Merklin was traveling southbound on Claxton Ave. at the time of the accident. A passenger from each vehicle sustained injuries from the collision, and they were transported to Elba General Hospital for treatment by Coffee County EMS. The accident was investigated by Elba Police officers Neal Bradley and Kevin Wise.

Coffee County youth get up close and personal with animals during 2003 Farm City Week Petting Zoo

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Excitement filled the air at the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton last week as children throughout Coffee County visited the 2003 Farm City Week Petting Zoo/Agricultural Exhibits.

The purpose of Farm City Week is to build relations between the agricultural and urban areas," said Stan Windham, Coffee County

extension agent. "We originally began the petting zoo so children would have an opportunity to learn where their food comes from."

He said often times a child knows what ham is, but he/she may not realize that the meat comes from a pig. A goal of the petting zoo is to give them a better understanding of such things.

The petting zoo is sponsored by the Coffee County Extension Agency, and the agents do admit

the event is more fun than learning; however, the children are given an opportunity to learn the difference between animals.

Approximately 1,000 children were expected to visit the petting zoo this year including all public schools in Coffee County, as well as most of the private schools.

Also taking time to visit were several daycares, nursing homes and other special groups.

As Farm City Week nears, there will be more and more activities held throughout the county where those who work daily in the agricultural industry join forces with those who work in the urban industry.

One such event is planned for Thursday, Oct. 9 (TODAY), when the Farm City Swap will have agriculture and industry switching roles in Elba as those participating will split time between Dennis Smith farms and Dorsey Trailers.



Students in Mrs. Allona Vaughan's kindergarten class at Elba Elementary School listen intently as they learn about the many things produced from honey bees. The Elba students visited the petting zoo on Thursday, Oct. 2, and enjoyed seeing the many animals including the baby chicks, pigs, cows and goats.

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Area Happenings

THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues this week as the Zion Chapel Rebels will host Phenix on Thursday, Oct. 9. On Friday, Oct. 10, the Elba Tigers will host the Straughn Tigers, the New Brockton Gladiators will host Shocomb, and the Brantley Bulldogs will host the Kingston Bulldogs.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9, at the Coffee County Farm Center. For more information, call Elizabeth Whitaker at 334-894-2077 or Charles Jester at 334-308-2724.

PARENT VISITATION NIGHT will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14, at both Elba Elementary School and Elba High School. Parents may visit the elementary school from 3:30-8 p.m., while the high school visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. For more information, please see the Tiger Times page (Page 6).

THE TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON will host its Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the New Brockton Memorial Park beginning at 9 a.m. Activities will continue throughout the day, and it should be fun for the entire family. There will be no admission charge to attend this event; however, donations will be accepted.

NOTICE

Flu Clinics at the Coffee County Health Department will be held Monday, Oct. 20 & 27 and Monday, Nov. 3 from 9-11 a.m. & 1-3:30 p.m. Patient must bring Medicare card if they wish for Medicare to be billed; otherwise, the cost will be \$5.00.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

The very opinionated talk show host Rush Limbaugh said on the air recently that he never thought the Philadelphia Eagles' Donovan McNabb was a great quarterback. His contention was that the man was hyped because of his skin color. We don't know, as pro football and all its trappings long ago became less than a priority at our house. The same can be said for Limbaugh. We absolutely don't listen to his racket. It is hard to understand why people listen to him and then get all bent out of shape at what he says. Like some others getting paid big bucks, speaking out and offending listeners is what it is all about. Just as with this column, if you always get exploding mad with the opinions, just ignore the whole column. TV or radio program. You will enjoy life longer and if enough folks think and do that, the offensive words will ultimately disappear from before your eyes and ears.

A hornet's nest was stirred up right here a couple of weeks ago. It is always the things we least expect to be offensive that cause the trouble for this writer. Anyway our comments about the high school band not going to the Troy event because they couldn't get bus drivers offended more than one of the bus drivers and we heard from them. While denying pointing a finger at anyone, even after rereading the comments, all the flak that was dished out on the matter was reluctantly absorbed on this end. It must be added that whatever the problem was, it is now apparently cured, either because of our comments or in spite of them. The Elba band was scheduled for a trip to Daleville this last Saturday and they went and aced the competition. Congratulations to the band and thanks to those who saw that they got there!!

There are opinions that our keeping up with these high school football accomplishments are a jinx to the Elba Tigers... maybe not. Anyway here are several more. Eighth grader Jerome Ball of Kinston rushed 24 times for 225 yards and four touchdowns in a 48-27 win over Zion Chapel. . . . Also Chris Nickson, playing only a half, completed 10 of 11 passes for 221 yards and five touchdowns and also returned a punt 54-yards for another score in Pike County's 84-0 win over Calhoun. Then right in Elba's face, Bran Lannom completed all eight of his passes for 248 yards and three touchdowns in T.R. Miller's 57-26 victory over Elba.

The state job cuts are coming down the pike with more and more state employees getting their pink slip every week. The pains are not over, as there will be even more of those between now and Christmas. In fact state officials are predicting bigger cuts in the next fiscal year, which begins on October 1, 2004. As expected we are not seeing all the cuts taking place for the best benefit of the people of Alabama. It appears to the casual eye that many of the cuts are made to benefit (protect the jobs of) management and not for the best use of tax dollars.

Elba is celebrating 150 years of existence. That is an awful long time. As a measure of just how long that is, measure back how many generations of your family were not even born 150 years ago! Then come on out and celebrate with the people of Elba this weekend.

P.S. The Elba Clipper can still use some more old, old pictures of yesteryear for next week's paper. The deadline is Friday.



Elba Mayor James Grimes (center) signed a proclamation Wednesday morning, Oct. 1, proclaiming the week of Oct. 6-10 as Public Natural Gas Week for the City of Elba. The proclamation was presented by The Southeast Alabama Gas District (SEAGD), a publicly-owned natural gas system. SEAGD serves 14 member towns and cities in southeast Alabama including Elba and has approximately 33,000 customers. Present for the signing of the proclamation were Royce Sighler, SEAGD director of operations - Andalusia division, and Elba City Councilman Junior Culver.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Sept. 29, 2003, investigated the following incidents, one harassing communication - four for harassment, two for theft of property, one carrying a pistol without a permit, two for domestic violence, two for breaking and entering a motor vehicle, two for criminal mischief, one criminal possession of a forged instrument, one assault and one domestic dispute.

The following arrests were made: one for theft of property, two for harassment, two for domestic violence, one for failure to appear and one for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for speeding, one for carrying a pistol without a permit, one for no proof of insurance, one for an open container, one for not wearing a seat belt, one for driving with a revoked driver's license, one for running a stop sign and one for driving with a suspended driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, SEPT. 29 - River stage - 5.79 feet (6:32 a.m.); Domestic violence reported at 1110 Carolyn St. (3:36 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30 - River stage - 5.34 feet (6:29 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1 - River stage - 5.38 feet (6:00 a.m.); Minor wreck reported on Hwy. 84 W. (10:31 p.m.); Two-

vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. (4:08 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Claxton Ave. (4:10 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 814 Washington Ave. (4:12 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported at Dollar General (4:24 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 742 Hwy. 189 S. (10:40 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 215 Plant Ave. (11:13 p.m.).

THURSDAY, OCT. 2 - River stage - 5.09 feet (6:28 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported in the parking lot of Big Little West. (10:34 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1532 Powell Circle (10:15 p.m.).

FRIDAY, OCT. 3 - River stage - 4.96 feet (6:08 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire on 203 Bypass (10:30 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the house fire on the 203 Bypass (10:03 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Parker St. (11:00 p.m.).

SATURDAY, OCT. 4 - River stage - 4.81 feet (7:26 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a fire on County Rd. 364 (3:42 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 560 King Circle (5:57 p.m.).

SUNDAY, OCT. 5 - River stage - 4.53 feet (6:15 a.m.); Routine activity.

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Hard work of Elba Marching Tiger Band evident through performance

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Marching Tiger Band participated in its first contest of the season last weekend, and represented the school and city very well.

After all was said and done, the band received superior ratings, and anyone who has had the pleasure of watching and hearing the band this year certainly has no problem understanding this accomplishment. I remember a few years back, people were worried about the future of the band program with participation was down.

"Celebrate Elba 150" Weekend Schedule of Events:

Friday, Oct. 10 • T-shirt Day (Wear Sesquicentennial T-shirt)

7 a.m. • Prayer Breakfast held at the First Baptist Church
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Business and Merchants' Appreciation Exposition held on the historic Courthouse square. Booths will be set up by each business or merchant to inform the City of Elba of the goods and services they offer to the community.

Saturday, Oct. 11 • Entertainment All Day Long
• Arts and crafts exhibit all day long around the Courthouse Square
11:30 a.m. • Recognition of honored guests, former business owners who contributed to the city's prosperity

12 Noon • Key Note Speaker, Robert Innan, renowned author and Elba native
4:30 p.m. • Parade
Sunday, Oct. 12
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. • Reception held at the Chamber of Commerce
6 p.m. • A short religious service followed by the History of Elba play, written and performed by Elba High School students.

Note: Due to the Sesquicentennial Celebration the Chamber of Commerce will be closed for the annual Christmas Parade will be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 9.

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Obituaries

MARY IZETTIE MAULDIN Mrs. Mary Izettie Mauldin, age 89, of Elba, Ala., died October 3, 2003 at Elba General Hospital.

Survivors include two daughters: John (Katie) Watts, Jacksonville, N.C.; George A. Watts, Rollinsford, N.H.; two daughters: Essie Potts, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mary Watts, Milwaukee, Wis.; one sister: Lillie Pearl Brown, Plant City, Fla.; one brother-in-law: George Stringer & (Easter), two sisters-in-law: Letha Musgrove, Margie Burnett, Brantley, Ala.

STEPHEN BLUE Elder Stephen Blue, age 72, died Sept. 17, 2003 at Medical Center Enterprise.

Survivors include his wife: Mary L. Blue, Enterprise, Ala.; one sister: Marie Carter, Louisville, Ky.; four stepchildren: Katrina Pierce, Danny Hooks, Milton Hooks, Tom (Linda) Hooks, all of Elba; and six grandchildren.

MAGGIE LEE ROBERTS Mrs. Maggie Lee Roberts was born Dec. 24, 1910, in Barbour County, Ala. Funeral services were held Oct. 3, 2003 at the Greater Sardis Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. S.C. Jackson officiating. Burial was in Westside Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

JOHN D. BURNETT Mr. John D. Burnett, age 84, died Sept. 29, 2003 at Rpp Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Oct. 4, 2003 at Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Dozier, Ala., with Rev. Wendell Williams officiating. Burial followed at Marshall Memorial Cemetery of Andalusia with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a caregiver: Johnnie Mae McLeod, Ozark; two nieces: Brenda Harper and Mammie Reynolds, Ozark; two cousins: Moses Reeves, Arlinton; Annie Bell McClendon, Louisville, Ala.; a stepson: Sammy Roberts, Atlanta, Ga.; a special friend: Myrtis Ingram.

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Survivors include her husband: Lenwood Padgett, Elba; one daughter and son-in-law: Linda and James Blair, Elba; one brother: Raymond Adams, Grand Isle, La.; two grandsons: Douglas Greer, Coffee Springs, Ala.; Shane Greer, Andalusia, Ala.; and two great-granddaughters: Ashley Marie Greer, Coffee Springs, Victoria Shayne Greer, Elba.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ferrin, Shortly after 9-11-01 many flags were flown in Elba and much to my surprise, many are still flying. What a fantastic sight to see many homes and businesses with flags on every day! I'm truthfully surprised that many are still flying this long after 9-11-01. Makes one extremely proud of our people and city. I certainly hope they continue to fly.

I would suggest though that everyone check their flag at least once a week for tears and rips, especially after a fairly high wind. Squirrels are bad about tearing them up for bedding material. Many are faded also. Please remove the flag and replace it with a new one. The

Local Vietnam Veterans Chapter 373 meeting set for Thursday, October 9th

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Chapter 373 will hold its regular monthly meeting on October 9, 2003. Meeting will be held at the Clayhatchee Community House, which is located on highway 92 close to

proper way to dispose of the flag is to burn it in privacy. Don't just throw it in the trash. If it is just soiled you can wash it. Flags can be left up at night if properly lighted. Keep them flying! Jim Nichols

Dear Editor, You know, it is a shame that just because they tear down a bridge that the road no longer belongs to the city. That is what it seems like on Smith Ave. If you live there you can park a semi and trailers on the road all day and all night. You don't need lights or reflectors. The police won't do anything about it because they don't see it. If they don't come down Smith

Providence Baptist Church, the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Veterans and their families are welcome to attend. Open to the public. For more information call 347-1426 or 598-8804.

10-9-1p

Ave. they can't see what's going on. No police. No dogcatcher. We might not even be allowed a fire truck or ambulance who knows.

I wonder whose fault it will be if someone hits these cuts or trucks. You can also drive a auto with a temporary tag for a year or longer. Concerned Louretta Richardson

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SMITH I would like to thank all those who helped in any way for the Benefit Singing, especially Mr. Vernon Church, the merchants of the community and all the friends who helped. Glenda E. Smith

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Kidnapping Stuns Nation

Early on the morning of October 5, 1970 James Cross, the British Consulate in Montreal, Canada was getting ready for work. Without warning, an armed band of terrorists stormed into his home, seized the startled diplomat, and introduced North America to kidnapping as a weapon of political terror. Before spiriting him away in a waiting car, they identified themselves to an astonished gardener as members of the FLQ.

Montreal, nestled between the Laurentian Shield and Vermont's Green Mountains was a city of 2,000,000 people in 1970. Originally settled by the French in the 1600's, it became part of British North America under the Treaty of Paris in 1763. As English settlers began moving to Quebec, its original settlers continued speaking French. When Canada became a country in 1867, the province of Quebec was one of its founding members.

For the next century, the French majority and English minority coexisted peacefully, each in their separate worlds. Then, during the 1960's, the government initiated a broad program of social changes that included revamping the educational system, and introducing universal health care. An unanticipated side effect was the awakening of Quebec nationalism among its French population.

1970 October Crisis

As It Happens is a daily current affairs program broadcast by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on their national radio network. This compilation of documents and interviews allows the user to listen to interviews conducted during the crisis. Web Address: <http://palmc.fcla.edu/fh/outline/1492hr1.html>

Documents on the October Crisis

Also compiled by Claude Belanger, the collection includes correspondence between government officials written during the crisis, a list of the FLQ demands, newspaper reaction to the events, and letters written by the kidnappers to their families. Web Address: <http://www2.marianopolis.edu/quebechistory/docs/october/index.htm>

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

AA Chapter of Elba to meet at Elba United Methodist Church Thursday, October 16

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Chapter of Elba meeting will be held at the Education Building at the Elba United Methodist Church on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m.

Homecoming to be observed at Mt. Olive Baptist Church October 12

Mt. Olive Baptist Church will hold Homecoming Services on October 12, 2003. Mt. Olive is located in the Pine Level Community. Elba The guest speaker will be Kevin Dewberry formerly of Elba. Services begin at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12. The guest speaker will be Evangelist Eddie Coker of Dothan, and special music will be provided by members of the church. Services will begin at 10 a.m. and there will be no Sunday School. A nursery will be provided.

New Brockton United Methodist Church to celebrate Homecoming Sunday, October 12

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ROUND & ABOUT

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Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-21

***Thinking of you, praying for you. The Blue family and Hughley family, Janice Thompson, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Rev. E. Magwood, Rev. Joyce Johnson, Earnest Ellison, Carolyn Lawrence, Mary Alice Blue, Mattie Belcher, Faye Manning, Clarence Taylor, Lawrence Bryant, Maggie Head and Brandon Kelley. ***68th Session of the Alabama State Seven Shape Singing Convention held at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Hwy 141 in Elba, on October 11, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ***185th Session of the Progressive Circle, Mt. Calvary

meeting on October 11, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. at the Association Building, Hwy 84 Old Curtis Rd. Elba, Ala.

Free Throw Shot

The way it feels to hold the basketball in my hand. I know that I am in control of the ball. I know that if I miss this shot I've lost the game. I've been waiting for this game for a while. Waiting to win and feel victorious. I want to be proud of myself and my teammates. So I breathe in slowly. Give a short prayer. Set up, and — I close my eyes. The ball leaves my hand. Before I know it, I hear screaming people and cheers. All of my teammates rush over to me saying, "We did it! We won. We won. We won." Composed by Kanika Belcher

Today is a good day, be grateful! Eria

NOTICE TO THE EHS CLASS OF 1988

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The Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church to celebrate anniversary

The Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church Senior Choir in New Brockton, Ala. will celebrate their anniversary on October 12, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. All churches are invited to attend.



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Contact: James E. Grimes
@ Ph. No. 897-2333

Church Directory

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Praise and Glory Worship Center to celebrate Annual Homecoming October 12

Praise and Glory Worship Center located at 419 South John St. next to the high school in New Brockton will celebrate their 4th Annual Homecoming on October 12, 2003. The homecoming speaker will be Associate Pastor Dewayne Cook from CCI in Dothan, Ala. Singing in the afternoon immediately following lunch. Everyone is invited to attend.

Haw Hill Assembly of God to host Homecoming Sunday, October 12

Haw Hill Assembly will celebrate homecoming services on October 12, 2003. The speaker will be Rev. Earl Quiller. Featured singers will be Ed and Barney Quattlebaum. Everyone is invited to attend. Lunch will be served. The Church is located at Highway 125, 12 miles South of Brundidge.

The College of Continuing Studies at The University of Alabama now accepting applications for scholarships

The College of Continuing Studies at The University of Alabama is now accepting applications for several scholarships that are being offered to adult students attending the University. The awards are for the 2004-2005 academic year. Scholarship awards will be made in varying dollar amounts each scholarship has specific qualifications unique to that scholarship but the common bond among all the students is that they are offered only to adult students who are 25 years of age or older. The application deadline is January 9, 2004. For more information and an application, contact Nina Smith, Adult Student Programs at (205)348-0089 or visit the website at aps.u.edu.

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Elba Elementary School Menu October 13 - 17, 2003

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Holiday Columbus Day	Monday - Holiday, Columbus Day Tuesday - No School
Tuesday - State-wide Parent Visitation Teacher In-Service - No School	Tuesday - Biscuit and Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit and Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Steak Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy, Field Peas, Jello, Milk
Thursday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Pizza Green Salad
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, 1/2 Orange, Milk

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18th Annual Curtis Reunion to be held Saturday, October 11

The 18th annual Curtis School reunion will be held Saturday, October 11, 2003, under the covered pavilion behind the New Ebenezer (Curtis) Baptist Church on Hwy. 141. Registration begins at 10:30, lunch at 12:00. The children of Oscar and Mary Foley Cooper will be honored. They are Oscar Jr. and sisters Margaret, Sue and Jean.

Farris Reunion planned for Sunday, October 12

The annual Willie and Lottie Farris family reunion will be held Sunday, October 12, 2003 at Bethlehem Church, County Rd. 421, Elba. All friends and family are asked to attend. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon.

Open House to be held at The Alabama School of Fine Arts

The Alabama School of Fine Arts will hold its annual statewide open house for prospective students and their parents on Saturday, Oct. 11. Information sessions begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Interested students may tour the school, meet the faculty and receive an application and audition requirements for the upcoming school year.

ASFA offers specialty classes in creative writing, dance, music, theatre arts, and visual arts to students in grades 7-12. A math and science program is available to students in grades 8-12. In addition, students take all the academic courses required to receive an Alabama high school diploma.

Students who are residents of Alabama may pay no tuition to attend. Low cost room and board and some boarding scholarships are available to students who desire to live on campus. For more information about the school, which NewWeek magazine named the #4 Public High School in America, call 205-252-9241. Open house will be held on the school campus in downtown Birmingham at 1800 Eighth Avenue North.



A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION from the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, was awarded to Mrs. Neil Gilmer, left, by Bruce H. Taylor, right, president, Wiregrass Chapter, SAR, during a Constitution Week luncheon Sept. 18 in Enterprise. Mrs. Gilmer was recognized for her contributions to the annual joint luncheon held to honor the U.S. Constitution and local citizens.

Clyde L. Sadle

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LIFESTYLES



SCOUTS TOUR NEWSPAPER OFFICES Members of Girl Scout Troop 300 and Boy Scout Troop 37 toured the offices of The Elba Clipper recently, along with their Troop Leader Rachel Baxter and other mothers. The scouts questioned how they could become journalists and observed staff members composing actual newspaper pages in the computers. The boys were particularly interested in becoming sports writers, enabling them to attend all the games. The group also watched as their "just made" picture was processed into the computer for later use in the newspaper.

Enterprise-Ozark Community College offering mini-terms

The tradition of offering mini-terms has continued at Enterprise-Ozark Community College, and the second mini-term will begin on October 14 at the Enterprise Campus and October 16 at the Ft. Rucker.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History announce new service hours

The Alabama Department of Archives and History announces new service hours effective October 1. In the new budget cuts, the Archives is losing seven regular staff positions and all of its student workers. These losses require a reworking of schedules to make sure that all points of public service can be staffed. The major effects of the schedule change is a slight decrease in the time the Archives is open on regularly weekdays and the closing of the facility on all but the first Saturday of each month.

New Service Hours
Building and Museum open: Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30
1st Saturdays only 8:30-4:30
Reference room open: Tuesday-Friday 8:30-4:30
1st Saturdays only 8:30-4:30

Johnson Reunion planned for Saturday, October 11

The Johnson Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2003 at the Home of Louise Cox in honor of Matt and Idell Johnson.

Coffee County Breast Cancer Forum to be held October 21 in Enterprise

The 4th Annual Coffee County Breast Cancer Forum will be held October 21, 2003, 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. in Enterprise City Hall Services Center (Hwy. 84 West next to Mitchell Nissan). Local and national breast cancer experts and survivors will present updates on breast cancer diagnosis and treatment, hormone replacement, nutrition and other women's health issues. Forum will also include Exhibit booths by area medical agencies, pharmacies, hospices, etc. Free CEU's will be offered for nurses and social workers. Lunch will be provided at no charge.

To register call the Coffee County Extension office at 334/894-5596 no later than October 17th. Seating is limited to the first 350 to register.

Clark Theatres • Enterprise

October 10-16
Enterprise Shopping Center
I-INTOLERABLE CRUELTY (PG-13) M-F 7 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:15
II - GOOD BOY (PG-13) M-F 7:10 ONLY - SAS 2 & 7:10 OUT OF TIME (PG-13) 9:15 ONLY - EVERY DAY
III - UNDERWORLD (R) M-F 7:15 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7:15 & 9:15
THE FIGHTING TEMPTATIONS (PG-13) 9:15 ONLY - EVERY DAY No Panses - No Wed. Night Discount
IV - THE BUNDOWN (PG-13) M-F 7 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:15
Enterprise Cinema, College Plaza
I - KILL BILL, VOLUME 1 (R) M-F 7:15 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7:15 & 9:15
II - SCHOOL OF ROCK (PG-13) M-F 7 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:15 No Panses - No Wed. Night Discount
III - RECONQUARD LIONS (PG) M-F 7 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:15
Burgam Mall, Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m. only - all seats \$4.50 10:00 p.m. only - all seats \$4.50

Don't Forget Celebrate Elba 150 years Events October 10-13

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Elba Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events and Meetings

October 2003
Oct. 1 - Azalea Garden Club meeting
Oct. 3 - Elba Tigers vs. T.R. Miller Tigers (Away)
Oct. 7 - Elba Rotary Club meeting
Oct. 9 - Coffee County Farm City Swap
Oct. 10 - "Celebrate Elba 150" Prayer Breakfast; "150" T-shirt Day; Merchant Appreciation Day; and Business Expo; Elba Tigers vs. Straughton Tigers (Home)
Oct. 11 - "Celebrate Elba 150" Grand Celebration & Parade
Oct. 12 - "Celebrate Elba 150" Reception; "Celebrate Elba 150" Church Service and History of Elba play
Oct. 13 - Columbus Day; Elba City Council meeting
Oct. 14 - Elba Rotary Club meeting
Oct. 16 - New Season's Study Club meeting; Elba Chamber of Commerce Board meeting
Oct. 17 - Elba Tigers vs. Calhoun Tigers (Away)
Oct. 21 - Elba Rotary Club Groundbreaking ceremony for new Diagnostic Lab
Oct. 24 - Elba Tigers vs. Clarke County Bulldogs (Home)
Oct. 26 - Daylight Savings Time ends
Oct. 27 - Elba City Council meeting
Oct. 28 - Elba Rotary Club meeting
Oct. 30 - Elba Chamber of Commerce presents "Pumpkins on the Square"/Homecoming Tailgate Party
Oct. 31 - Halloween; Elba High School Homecoming; Elba Tigers vs. Geneva County Bulldogs
Nov. 4 - Elba Rotary Club meeting
Nov. 5 - Azalea Garden Club meeting
Nov. 7 - Farm City Week Awards press conference
Nov. 10 - Elba City Council meeting
Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day
Nov. 18 - Elba Rotary Club meeting; New Season's Study Club meeting
Nov. 24 - Elba City Council meeting
Nov. 25 - Elba Rotary Club meeting
Nov. 26 - Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving
Dec. 2 - Elba Rotary Club meeting
Dec. 3 - Azalea Garden Club meeting
Dec. 8 - Elba City Council meeting
Dec. 9 - Elba Rotary Club meeting; City of Elba Christmas Parade
Dec. 16 - Elba Rotary Club meeting
Dec. 18 - Elba Chamber of Commerce Board meeting
Dec. 22 - Elba City Council meeting
Dec. 23 - Elba Rotary Club meeting
Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
Dec. 30 - Elba Rotary Club meeting
Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve

"Celebrate Elba 150" Items:
• Elba Car Tags - \$5.00 • Chamber Membership Pins - \$5.00
• 2003 Elba Christmas Ornament featuring the Covered Bridge - \$10.00
• Hand Towels featuring the Historic County Courthouse - \$10.00
• City Afghan featuring Elba landmarks - \$50.00

Coming Saturday, Oct. 11
2003 Elba Christmas Ornament will be sold on the Square during the "Celebrate Elba 150" Festival

Elba Chamber of Commerce (334) 897-3125
Kaye Whitworth, executive director

SCHOOLS

EHS implements new attendance incentive program

by Christy Eubanks

Elba High School now has an exemption policy.

The exemption policy is designed to reward students for perfect or near perfect attendance while maintaining an A or B average. The exemption policy does not address tardies in any way, because Elba High School already has a tardies policy in place.

Students who have an "A" average (92-100) with 10 or 11 absences in a particular class will be exempt from the nine weeks exam in that class.

Students who have a "B" average (83-91) with 0 absences in a particular class will be exempt from the nine weeks exam in that class.

Students who exempt all exams are not required to come to school on those days. The exemption policy is per class per nine weeks. This means that students who don't qualify for exemption these nine weeks still have a chance to exempt their next nine weeks exams.

To all Elba High students, work hard and come to school and you shall be rewarded greatly.

Procter and Moore honored as Wendy's High School Heisman Representatives

Elba High School Ralston Moore and Ayonna Procter have been nominated for the coveted Wendy's High School Heisman Award. Similar to the collegiate Heisman recognition, this award honors the nation's top high school seniors who best exemplify a supreme "scholar-citizen-athlete."

These two promising leaders were recognized by Principal Johnny Dunn for their academic aptitude, athletic talent and tremendous display of commitment to their communities.

"We believe it's important to recognize our young people not just for what they do in the classroom or on the field, but their contributions to their communities," said Johnny Dunn. "The Wendy's High School Heisman program is a great way to spotlight, on a national level, just how special they are."

Now celebration 10 years of commitment to youth and education, this program was created through a partnership between Wendy's, the national Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the Heisman Memorial Trust in 1994.

Procter and Moore were nominated for this program based on the following accomplishments: Ralston Moore has a GPA of 92.6 and has been involved in numerous clubs such as CCYLP, SGA, Mu Alpha Theta, FBLA, FCA, and FFA. He's played baseball and football since the seventh grade for Elba High.

Ralston is very active and involved in many civic/community service activities.

Ayonna Procter has a GPA of 96.3 and has been involved in various clubs such as SGA, Sr. Beta, CCYLP, EHS Ambassadors and the Journalism Staff. Ayonna has played volleyball and softball in her Jr. high years and has played varsity basketball since the eighth grade. She has been involved in several community activities.

"These students are truly in a league of their own," says Archie Griffin, the only two-time winner of the prestigious Heisman Memorial Trophy and program spokesperson. "Each student nominated for the award has gone above and beyond expectations to help those in need, enhance their education and pursue their dreams."

Principals from approximately 24,000 high schools across the country were invited to nominate one male and one female student who fulfill the program requirements. Students are judged on academic and athletic achievements in addition to community service.

All nominees will be posted on the Wendy's High School Heisman Web site in early October of this year. To track a student's progress or to find out more about the program please long on to www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com or call 1-800-244-5161.

The Wendy's High School Heisman Program is comprised of five phases - Nomination, State Finalists, State Winners, National Finalists and National Winners.

Twelve National Finalists will receive the opportunity to fly to New York City on December 12th - 14th, 2003 to participate in Heisman weekend festivities. ESPN will feature all 12 National Finalists during the Wendy's High School Heisman Awards Ceremony that will air before the live broadcast of the College Heisman Memorial Trophy Awards on December 13th. The presentation will be made by Wendy's President and COO, North America, Tom Mueller, program spokesperson Archie Griffin and NASSP Executive Director, Dr. Gerald Tirozzi.

Picture of the week (by Christy Eubanks). Seniors aren't the only people looking forward to May 18th.

Tiger Tales

Editors:
Brittany Cooper
& Alex Allen

Co-Op Spotlight

by Katie Driggers

This week's Co-Op spotlight is on Mark Brunson. Mark is the 17-year-old son of Cindy Brunson. He is a senior at Elba High School and is involved in Future Farmers of America and VICA. He is employed by the City of Elba at the Elba Parks and Recreation Department.

In his spare time Mark enjoys hunting and fishing.

Congratulations Mark and keep up the good work!



Mark Brunson

Report cards ready for pickup Oct. 14

All parents of children enrolled at Elba Elementary School and Elba High School are asked to pick up their child's report card on Tuesday, Oct. 14, between the hours of 3:30 - 8:00 p.m. at their respective schools.



Kindergarteners visit the Farm City petting zoo

by Brittany Cooper

On Thursday, October 2, the Kindergarteners took a field trip to the Coffee County Farm Center for the annual Farm City Week Petting Zoo. There, they got to pet the animals. Some of the animals they got to see and even get close to were horses, ponies, baby chicks, turtles, bunnies, and goats. The children really had a great time. It was hard for them to tell the animals bye when it came time to go.

Elba FFA fruit sale continues through October

Submitted by Jessica Danford

The FFA members from the Elba FFA Chapter will be taking orders during October for delicious, nutritious holiday fruit. Fresh fruit is a natural agricultural product in which FFA members can promote and support agriculture every time they sell a carton of oranges, grapefruit, or apples. Almost every family is a potential customer because almost everyone buys fruit during the holiday season.

There are other reasons why fruit is sold in almost every high school in Alabama. As various sources of money for education have disappeared or been reduced, local teachers have been required to raise money to supplement their vocational (career/technical) programs.

Proceeds from past fruit sales have bought many books, hand tools, equipment or other items for use by agriscience students. An agriscience program is expensive to operate and difficult to properly maintain. Each fruit customer is helping provide a better education for these students of Elba High School.

The fruit sale helps instill responsibility in our students. They take orders, which are turned in at the proper time, and deliver the fruit to the customer in a timely fashion. Also, students must account for the money they receive from the customer, and eventually clear their records with the agriscience teacher. The fruit sale also develops a good work ethic in the youth. When a person works for something, they usually feel more like a part of the program, therefore a student's self-esteem can be improved.

The fruit sale campaign is the only major fund-raiser for the agriscience and FFA program. The pre-sale campaign began in September and will end on October 30. The fruit should arrive the week of December 1. The FFA members and advisor appreciate your help and support with the fruit sale.

The following is a list of prices of this year's fruit sale: 4/5 means a 4/5 bushel box, (not a 4/5 full box); 2/5 is a half box.	
Mixed Citrus (4/5 carton only)	= \$24.00 **
Tangerines (2/5 carton only)	= \$16.00
Navel Oranges (4/5 carton) (2/5 carton)	= \$20.00
Tangelos (4/5 carton) (2/5 carton)	= \$11.00
Juice Oranges (4/5 carton) (2/5 carton)	= \$20.00
Red Grapefruit (4/5 carton) (2/5 carton)	= \$11.00
Red Del. Apple (1 bu. box) (1/2 bu. box)	= \$24.00
	= \$13.00

** The mixed citrus is back again this year and comes only in a 4/5 bushel carton. The mixed box contains Navels, Tangelos, Juice Oranges and Grapefruit.

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Box of navel oranges

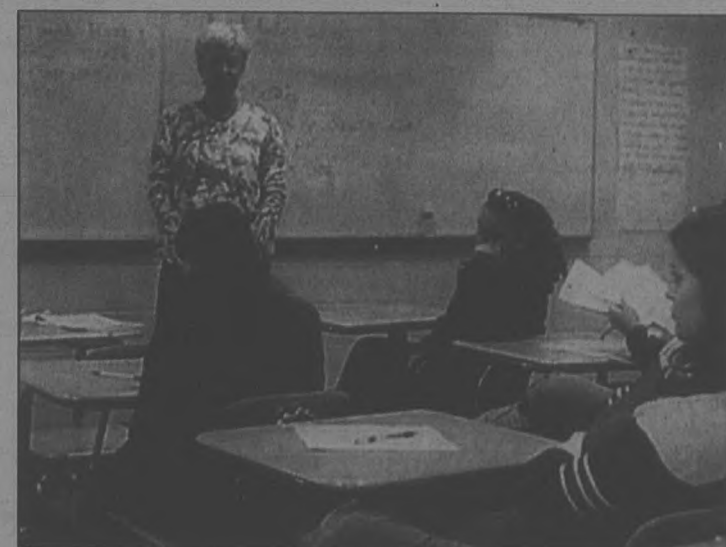
EOCC representative speaks to seniors about college

by Mary Katherine Head

On September 29, Robin Wyatt from Enterprise-Ozark Community College came to speak to the seniors of Elba High School.

She spoke to two different classes: one first block and one second block. Mrs. Wyatt also brought Stephen Pope with her, a 2003 graduate of Elba High School and a current student at Enterprise-Ozark Community College. Stephen is also a part of EOCC's Student Host Group as one of the new members.

Even though she came as a representative for EOCC, Mrs. Wyatt spoke mostly about the college admission process, financial aid process, and what college is really like, in general. Mrs. Wyatt was a very informative speaker, and Elba High School and its senior class thank her for coming to speak with them.



Robin Wyatt, a representative of EOCC, speaks with Elba High School seniors about the college admission process.

Upcoming EES and EHS events:

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL PARENT VISITATION NIGHT - Teachers will be available in their classrooms on Tuesday, Oct. 14, from 4-8 p.m. to meet and speak with parents. Counselors will also be available to discuss transcripts, scheduling, GPA, college information, etc. All parents/guardians of Elba High School students are encouraged to come at their convenience and take advantage of this opportunity to speak with faculty members, counselors and administrators of EHS. Parents in attendance may register to win a TipTop Rock Garden Fountain donated by Lawford's Ace Hardware. The drawing will be at the end of the evening and the winner will be notified the next day.

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENTS NIGHT - EES, in conjunction with the State Department of Education, will host Parents Night on Tuesday, Oct. 14, from 3-8 p.m. Students' teachers will schedule times for all parents to come for a conference and to pick up report cards for the first grading period of the school year. Mrs. Baker, guidance counselor, invites all interested parents to attend an S.A.T. Interpretation Workshop beginning at 6 p.m. in the school's cafeteria.

SPOOK-TACULAR EVENT - Elba Elementary School invites all students and parents to a Spook-Tacular event Monday, Oct. 27, from 6-8 p.m. The fun evening will kickoff in the cafeteria with some TERROR-ific storytelling followed by the annual Funny Fall Fashions Parade of costumes. Students and parents can then purchase pizza and coke to enjoy while they read books together and take AR tests.



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Christy Eubanks). Seniors aren't the only people looking forward to May 18th.

SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I don't get nearly as many hugs from my girls as I used to, but last week I did have a pretty good week as Melanie gave her dear old Dad big hugs on two different days, and one even came in front of everyone in attendance at a volleyball match. Thursday afternoon Melanie and her teammates snapped Kinston's long winning streak in volleyball with a big win, and after the match she charged me and gave me a great big "Bear Hug" as she shared her excitement, while Friday she greeted me with a hug after work and told me that she was exempt from all of her semester tests at school. Trying to raise two girls isn't always easy or a lot of fun, but every now and then it can give a Dad a mighty good feeling!

TIGERS ARE SIMPLY NO MATCH FOR T.R. MILLER

One of my good friends told me after the Elba-T.R. Miller game last week that in his opinion it may have been one of the biggest mismatches ever played by a football team from Elba High. I remember one night years ago when Andalusia rolled over the Tigers 61-0, but besides that very long night he was probably right that in last week's 57-26 loss to T.R. Miller the Miller offense made the Tigers look totally outmatched. T.R. Miller scored touchdowns on its first eight possessions of the game to take a lopsided 57-12 lead, and until the last of the eight scoring drives faced only one third down conversion. The scoring drives consisted of seven, two, four, three, four, three, three and then twelve plays, and only two of the eight drives started on Elba's side of the field. Friday night there was no doubt T.R. Miller could score as many points as it wanted, because it did!

The Elba offense did roll up over 300 yards in total offense in the loss and scored four touchdowns, even though two came in the last three minutes of the game against the T.R. Miller reserves. The Tigers scored first on a big 58-yard run by Jimmy Hill to bring the Tiger fans to their feet, and while the fans didn't get to cheer about a lot for the next three quarters, the Elba offense did move the ball and looked good both on the ground and in the air. Brandon Wilson had a good night at quarterback and has shown some very athletic moves in the two games since taking over the signal-calling duties, while wide-receiver Kirby Gray has pulled in 11 passes for 187 yards and two touchdowns in just the last two games. As to the passing game the hard running of Jimmy Hill, Marchello Reed, Stefan Burks and Kikko Logan, and the improved blocking of the revamped offensive line, and it is easy to see that the Tiger offense may be ready to get on a roll.

The Elba defense surrendered over 450 yards in total offense and 57 points, and even though the Tigers were going up against the best team in the state in 3A circles, it was anything but an impressive performance. I know that five of Elba's six opponents have a combined record of 26-4 and three of the five are ranked in the top five in the state in their respective classes, but the Tigers are giving up almost 35 points a game on defense and last week allowed the T.R. Miller quarterbacks to complete nine of nine passes for over 250 yards. I'm not questioning the effort of the players or the coaches, but I am about to go bald from scratching my head wondering what is wrong with the Elba defense.

AREA TEAMS HAVE EXCITING WEEKS ON GRIDIRON

The sixth week of the season was an exciting one for all four teams in the coverage area as all the teams scored lots of points and three of the four posted wins. Here is a look back....

NEW BROCKTON (4-2) - The Gamecocks scored three touchdowns before Geneva County even touched the football Friday night and rolled to a surprisingly easy 53-20 victory over the Bulldogs. New Brockton was down a little after falling to 2-2 on the season with a loss to Houston Academy, but has bounced back with lopsided wins over Florida and Geneva County, and now are back talking about the playoffs. The Gamecocks are brimming with confidence after six weeks of play, and if they can keep it up they might have many more weeks ahead.

BRANTLEY (6-0) - The Bulldogs hosted the undefeated Arton Purple Cats last week in a region headline and made it look like just another Friday night scrimmage as they blasted the 'Cats 40-14. Brantley's passing game didn't get off the ground as much as it has in weeks past, but the running game featured all four backs and the defense came up with plenty of big plays to keep Arton from getting on any kind of roll. The Bulldogs make it look so easy at times their fans have to think about things to complain about. Well, at least the love bugs are gone.

KINSTON (2-3) - The Bulldogs claimed their second straight win over a big rival with a wild 48-27 win over Zion Chapel. Kinston had its hands full with the Rebels for three quarters, but began to pull away late and by the final horn had taken complete command. The Bulldogs have made some changes during the course of the season that have paid huge dividends, and with four games left it looks like Kinston is getting better and better every time it tees it up. These guys are much better than a lot of folks realize.

ZION CHAPEL (0-6) - The Rebels lost to Kinston and remained winless on the season, but battled the Bulldogs on even terms until well into the third quarter and left the game mad knowing it lost a game it had a chance to win. Zion Chapel has had little light on right on the football field in recent years and has some tough games left on the schedule. However, these Rebels are beginning to develop an attitude and it is clear to see that they are tired of losing. That is the first step toward winning.

SIXTH WEEK OF SEASON IS ONE TO REMEMBER

The high school football season held its sixth week of action last week and it was a very interesting week for teams all across the state. Here are a few games worth noting.

Hoover hosted Evangel Christian, of Louisiana, last week and handed the visitors a 21-14 loss to remain undefeated on the season. While the win should move Hoover up in the national rankings, it was just another long road trip for Evangel, which has already played in Georgia and Florida, and has a late-season game set in California.

Laverne saw its four-game winning streak snapped in a 20-9 loss to Billingsley, in a big region battle. The Tigers will make the playoffs under coach Mike Dubose and will win more than their share of games, but last week's loss may just put the Tigers on the road when the playoffs kick off in five weeks.

Charles Henderson struggled before getting past B.T. Washington 14-3 to remain unbeaten. The Trojans have been looking ahead to this week's game against Eufrasia, or just may be the Trojans are not quite as strong as many thought. This week's game will answer most of the questions that area fans have.

Daleville kept its playoff hopes alive and Geneva suffered its second straight defeat as the Warhaws survived a 24-21 overtime thriller. Daleville has had little to cheer about since the AHSAA restored its playoff eligibility, but Friday night the 'Hawks got to celebrate a rare win over the Panthers.

Enterprise struggled on offense, but rode a very impressive defensive effort to get past Auburn 14-6 in an important region game. The Wildcats have improved in all areas the past two years under coach Kenneth Hand and are close to being a very good 6A

team. That should be even closer by the end of the season.

Georgiana may very well be the best 2A team in the state nobody knows anything about after last week's 14-12 win over Leroy. The Panthers have now claimed wins over Southern Choctaw and Leroy, and all of the sudden the guys from Butler County look like they may have turned it back around. Keep an eye on this team.

Northview trailed left Davis only 27-20 late in the game before falling 34-20 to remain winless on the season. The Cougars of Coach Leavy Boutwell have no wins on their side of the ledger after six weeks of action. However, Northview has improved in every aspect of the game and the Cougar fans have to know better days are ahead.

Opp bounced back from its last-minute loss to Straughn to rip Headland 47-18 to remain undefeated in region play. The Bobcats could have been down after the loss the week before, but bounced back with a vengeance and made it clear that their goal of making a trip to the playoffs is still #1 on their list of goals.

Pike County took no prisoners and made no new friends in claiming a big 84-0 win over lowly Calhoun. The Bulldogs scored every way possible in rolling over the hapless Tigers from Lowndes County, and I betcha the Bulldog basketball coach will not be looking forward to playing the defending state basketball champs when hoops season rolls around. Can you say "Payback!"

Red Level made a huge statement in 2A circles by spanking Houston Academy 27-0 to move to 6-0 on the season. The Tigers have had to sit back and listen to all the talk about Slocomb and Houston Academy throughout the season, but Friday night got the chance to do some talking of their own, and they walked the walk and talked the talk.

W.S. Neal was expected to have a tough time with Clarke County, but made it look easy in disposing of the Bulldogs 35-12. The Eagles all but wrapped up a playoff berth with the big win, and maybe now the rest of the people from down around Murder Creek will finally give the East Brevton boys some credit.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

I am not a pessimist, but Alabama's losses the past two weeks have come as no surprise to me whatsoever. The Crimson Tide got off to a pretty good start and had a lot of die hard Tide fans convinced Mike Shula would be the great savior of the troubled program, but Coach Shula is a rookie head coach and Alabama's lack of depth is becoming more and more apparent every time a player goes down. I do agree that Shula was a good hire and will be a winning head coach at Alabama. However, I am also convinced that his staff is far from being a solid major college coaching staff, and believe that when the season ends the changes will be made to help the Tide recover. If not, look for more hard times ahead.

Even the biggest Auburn fan was holding his breath Saturday night when the Tigers squandered a 21-point lead and watched as Tennessee drove deep into Auburn territory late in the game. While nightmares of an overtime did vanish with the Tigers' late interception, the meltdown in the second half will keep many of the Auburn fans that aren't fans of Coach Tubby convinced that their team survived what could have been a very tough loss to handle. Hey, like him or not, Coach Tubby seems to be one step ahead of the game. I know many of the Troy State fans will brag about the half-time score and how the Trojans threw a scare into the hometown Huskers. However, the final score was 30-0 and it is past time for Troy State to stop counting moral victories.

Troy State got overpowered in the second half and fell to Nebraska 30-0. The Trojans did hang tough for two quarters and trailed only 10-0 at the half, but in the second half the power of the Huskers was too much for the Trojans to handle. The Trojans were 1-0 when they started the season, but have since lost to Miami, one of the best teams in the nation. I know many of the Troy State fans will brag about the half-time score and how the Trojans threw a scare into the hometown Huskers. However, the final score was 30-0 and it is past time for Troy State to stop counting moral victories.

In closing... I wonder how long the powers to be down in Gainesville will stand up and give their support to Coach Ron Zoek. Zoek was named the first coach of the Gainesville State Spartans after Steve Spurrier left for the NFL and while late losses to Miami are ones that at least some can live with, the loss to Ole Miss last weekend in the swamp was one that no one can swallow. It will be interesting to see if Florida is satisfied with being mediocre, or makes a change very soon after the season ends.

Still hunting for win #1

Tigers brace for high-powered Straughn

The Elba Tigers will return to the friendly confines of Tiger Stadium Friday night and will be hoping that the home field will carry with it a home field advantage when they look to put an end to their six-game losing streak in a region battle against the high-powered Straughn Tigers.

Elba will carry a disappointing 0-6 record into the region contest, while Straughn will bring a 5-1 slate into the clash after claiming wins over Pleasant Home 41-21, Calhoun 37-3, Clarke County 24-14, Opp 22-19 and Central 41-12, and falling to T.R. Miller 35-14.

"Straughn has a very good football team once again this season and Coach Trent Taylor has done a remarkable job over the years of building the program into one of the tops in the state," stated Elba's Coach Mike Waters. "This season Straughn has changed offensively and has abandoned its hard nosed style of running straight ahead and has gone to more of a spread look. Straughn still has the Hobbs kid in the backfield and he is an outstanding running back, but he is now the only player has to do his job on every snap, and have very few weaknesses. They have size and speed on defense, and are very solid in all areas."

"Over on defense," added Coach Waters, "Straughn is big and strong up front and really likes to hit folks. They run to the football and are very aggressive on every snap, and have very few weaknesses. They have size and speed on defense, and are very solid in all areas."

"If we are going to have a chance to win Friday night we will have to play well on both sides of the ball and play smart and be physical on every play," said Waters. "Straughn plays very aggressive and can intimidate an opponent, but we just have to play smart and every player has to do his job on every single play on both sides of the football. On offense we need to be effective both running and passing, and need to maintain drives. We had some success last week against T.R. Miller, and need to build on that success and get better. The offensive line will be a key to our success, and the linemen must be physical and play hard on every snap. There is no doubt Straughn has seen films and knows we have had problems defending the pass, and we will have to do a much better job in the secondary if we are to have any chance at all. We simply cannot give up big play after big play, and have to defend receivers. It will hard enough to stop Straughn running the foot-

<None>POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by Sunday afternoon and was upbeat after posting a 29-4 week of picks that moved his yearly totals to 160-21. The local guesspender did come through on such toss-ups as Florida over Pleasant Home, Andalusia over Jackson and Daleville over Geneva, and reported that as long as the weather stays sunny his picks may shine as well. I am not ready to put him on the back quite yet, but he is off to a good start and here are this week's picks....

ELBA VS. STRAUGHN

The Pea River felines limped back to town late last Friday night after being chased back across Murder Creek, and this week will face a band of country 'Cats from over in the woods of Covington County that are known for piling up the wins. The signs hanging up over the roads say this is the week the town will hold its grand celebration, but I don't think I saw any signs over by the school. STRAUGHN 28 ELBA 14

NEW BROCKTON VS. SLOCOMB

The Gamecocks have come back from their last two demerits with big wins, but this week will enter the ring against some tomato pickers from Geneva County that have their sites set on the big prize in the Magic City. While there is no doubt the Gamecocks will scratch and claw for all four quarters, this week a win may be a little too much to ask for. SLOCOMB 22 NEW BROCKTON 8

ZION CHAPEL VS. FLORALA

Those win weary Rebels from the north part of the county were in the battle last week down in Kinston until they ran out of ammunition, and this week will be determined to cage the 'Cats from down near the state line and hang a "W" on their side of the field. The Rebs have gone down fighting each and every week, and that looks like that will happen this week as well. FLORALA 32 ZION CHAPEL 16

BRANTLEY VS. KINSTON

That bunch of Bulldogs from across the river in Crenshaw County have made it look easy no matter the opposition, and this week has a dance planned for after the game to celebrate with the former grads that will back in town. The 'Dogs from down in Coffee County won't be in any mood to dance, at least maybe until after the game is over. BRANTLEY 35 KINSTON 7

OTHER PICKS:

Arton 22 Cottonwood 20
Houston County 16 Pleasant Home 14
Red Level 40 Geneva County 12
Washington County 18 Georgiana 8
Goshen 39 R.C. Hatch 12
Houston Academy 38 Samson 7
G.W. Long 35 Wicksburg 8
Laverne 22 Marbury 21
Lafayette 56 Abbeville 0
Alabama Christian 31 Barbour County 8
W.S. Neal 55 Calhoun 0
T.R. Miller 63 Calhoun 20
Pike County 41 Clarke County 13
Hillcrest 16 Andalusia 14
Ashford 28 Geneva 7
Prattville 28 Headland 0
Monroe County 29 Gulf Shores 10
Opp 16 Rehobeth 14
UMS-Wright 17 Thomasville 15
Carroll 27 Russell County 13
Eufrasia 21 Charles Henderson 17
Auburn 17 Dawson 14
Prattville 28 Carver 7
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Enterprise 21 Vigor 14
Smiths Station 29 Northview 20

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SPORTS

Explodes early for three touchdowns

New Brockton buries Geneva County 53-20

Story and photos by Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks improved their record to 4-2 on the season and 2-2 in region play Friday night with a 53-20 romp past the Geneva County Bulldogs, in New Brockton.

Tyler Simmons once again went over the 100-yard mark as he gained 146 yards on 22 carries and scored three touchdowns, while Brandon Owens added 95 yards on 9 carries with one touchdown and Derrick Cook completed two of four passes for 19 yards, with both completions going for touchdowns. Justin West and Tanner Medley both pulled in one touchdown pass, and Medley scored three touchdowns on the night as he caught one touchdown pass, scored one touchdown running and returned a fumble recovery for another touchdown. Medley also recorded five tackles and one sack, while Jerod Bell matched

Medley with five stops and one sack.

New Brockton began the game on offense and marched 66 yards in six plays to get on the scoreboard. The drive was capped off by a 12-yard touchdown dash by Brandon Owens, but the extra-point try failed, and with 9:04 remaining in the opening quarter the Gamecocks were on top 6-0.

The ensuing kickoff hit a Geneva County defender and was recovered by Wesley McCormick at the New Brockton 49-yardline. It didn't take long for New Brockton to find its way back into the endzone as Tyler Simmons scored on an 11-yard run, and this time the Gamecocks cashed in on the two-point conversion to go ahead 14-0 with 5:19 left in the first quarter.

The next New Brockton kickoff was recovered by the Gamecocks' Doug Satter at the Geneva County 46-yardline, and the third Gamecock possession resulted in the third touchdown of the game as this time Derrick Cook connected with Justin West on a five-yard scoring pass. The extra-point try failed, but with 2:49 remaining in the first quarter New Brockton owned a 20-0 lead and Geneva County had yet to even snap the ball.

Geneva County's offense did finally get a chance to take the field after the ensuing kickoff, but the Bulldogs' luck quickly turned from bad to worse as on the Geneva County's first play from scrimmage Dustin Herring lofted what appeared to be a short pass to the left. The pass was ruled to be a lateral, however, and New Brockton's Tanner Medley scooped up the loose ball and returned it 34 yards for another Gamecock touchdown. Brandon Owens booted the extra-point and with 2:28 remaining in a wild first quarter the Gamecocks were in complete command with a 27-0 lead over the stunned Bulldogs.

Geneva County showed that it could also score on a big play on the Bulldogs' ensuing possession as Brian Exley took an option around the left side and raced 79 yards for a touchdown. The "Dogs" tucked on the extra-point, and with 1:32 remaining in the opening quarter Geneva County was on the scoreboard, but trailing 27-7.

New Brockton slowed down the pace of the game on its next



JUST MISSED... A New Brockton receiver reaches in vain as a pass falls just out of reach in the endzone. The Gamecocks improved their record to 4-2 last week with a 53-20 win over Geneva County.

possession as the Gamecocks set sail on a long scoring drive. The Gamecocks reached a fourth down and two at the Geneva County 2-yardline, and converted the big fourth down play when Tanner Medley got the call and cracked over for the touchdown. Owens was true with the extra-point and with 8:08 remaining in the second quarter New Brockton's lead was up to 34-7.

The next big play for the Gamecocks came compliments of the defense as Brandon Owens stripped the ball from a Bulldog back and Derrick Cook pounced on the fumble at the extra-point and with 10:34 left in the game New Brockton had opened up a whopping 53-7 lead.

Geneva County scored twice late in the game on long runs of 69 and 67 yards, but it was way too little, way too late, as at the final home Gamecocks had the win and had evened their region record with a big 53-20 win.

STATISTICS

NE	GC
1st Downs	3
53-357 Rushes-Yds.	20-246
19 Passing Yds.	15
388 Total Offense	261
24-0 Passes	12-1
6-35 Penalties-Yds.	2-10

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OFF AND RUNNING... A Gamecock runner is off and running in last week's big 53-20 win over Geneva County. The Gamecocks will host Slocomb Friday night in a key region clash.

Brantley cages 'Cats 40-14

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The undefeated Brantley Bulldogs battled the undefeated Arton Purple Cats Friday night in a key Class 1A, Region 2 contest, and it was the Bulldogs that used a big play offense and a defense that claimed five turnovers to claim an impressive 40-14 win.

Devaris Skanes returned the opening kickoff 47 yards to set the Bulldogs up at the Arton 47-yardline, and on the game's first snap Marcel Stamps took a handoff from Channing Spivey and raced 47 yards into the endzone for the game's first touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with only 29-seconds gone in the game Brantley was already on top 6-0.

Arton received the ensuing kickoff and flew down the field to the Brantley 19-yardline. The drive came to an end on a second down play; however, when Devaris Skanes hit Arton's Joseph Vanzandt as he attempted to pass, and the ball popped into the air and into the waiting arms of Brantley's Cedric Jones to kill the Purple Cat scoring threat.

Brantley cashed in on the turnover by marching 59 yards in eight plays to score its second touchdown of the game. Channing Spivey scored the touchdown on a 16-yard keeper around the right end, and Spivey then passed to Cedric Jones for the two-point conversion as the Bulldogs' lead went to 14-0 with 4:28 remaining in the first quarter.

Brantley moved to the Arton 30-yardline on its next possession and appeared ready to add

to its lead, but this time came away empty-handed when the 'Cats Brandon Casey intercepted a Bulldog pass in the endzone.

A short Arton punt gave Brantley the ball back at the Purple Cat 47-yardline, and five rushes later Devaris Skanes cracked over the goal line from two yards out. Cedric Jones booted the extra-point and with 9:38 left in the second quarter Brantley had extended its lead to 21-0.

Arton received the ensuing kickoff and marched 80 yards in only seven plays to get on the scoreboard. Marquis Ward went the final six yards around the left end to score the touchdown, but Ward's extra-point try failed, and with 7:03 left in the quarter Arton has cut the Brantley lead to 21-6.

The Bulldogs had a quick response to the Arton touchdown as the 'Dogs went 53 yards in only two plays to get back into the endzone. The score came on a 45-yard dash by Janyal Jones with 6:00 remaining in the half, and Cedric Jones kicked the extra-point as the Bulldogs moved ahead 28-6.

On the next Arton snap Brantley's Devaris Skanes intercepted a Purple Cat pass and returned the interception 22 yards for yet another Brantley touchdown. The extra-point attempt failed, but with 5:40 remaining in the half Brantley had blown the game open and owned a big 34-6 advantage.

Arton received the ensuing kickoff and put together a 12 play drive that covered 78 yards and resulted in the Purple Cats' second score of the game. Marquis Ward cracked over

the Brantley defense gave up a lot of yardage this week. It came up with big plays when needed as its forced three turnovers inside the Brantley 20-yardline and scored a touchdown. The Brantley offensive line had another big night as it cleared the way for 304 yards rushing. Brantley will celebrate homecoming this week against the Kinston Bulldogs, in another big region contest.

Channing Spivey paced the Bulldogs' ground game with 83 yards on 8 carries, while Janyal Jones added 82 yards on 14 carries and Devaris Skanes joined 79 yards on 13 tries. Marcel Stamps added 1 carry for 47 yards.

Steven Jackson led Arton with 120 yards on 14 carries, while Marquis Ward added 65 yards on 19 carries and 2 touchdowns.

STATISTICS

B	Δ
17 1st Downs	13
39-304 Rushes-Yds.	37-190
36 Passing Yds.	113
340 Total Offense	303
4-9-1 Passes	6-16-3
161 Return Yds.	61
2 Fumbles Lost	2
6-38 Penalties-Yds.	4-29
2-41 Punts-Ave.	3-30

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Brantley Bulldog head coach David Lowery prepares to send in a play with wide-receiver Marcel Stamps (6) during last week's 40-14 win over Arton. This week the Bulldogs will celebrate homecoming against Kinston.

SPORTS

Kinston turns back Rebel rally to outscore Zion Chapel 48-27

By Scott Johnson
Photos by Mary Johnson and Ross Adkinson

The Kinston Bulldogs were confident after upsetting Samson last week, but were careful not to underestimate the hungry Zion Chapel Rebels. The rivals from the North were winless on the season. However, Kinston's Coach Gary Glass had warned his players "the Rebels would not just come in here and lay down." Coach Glass proved to be correct as Zion Chapel put up a fight for all four quarters, with Kinston pulling away late to claim the hard fought 48-27 win.

Garrett Parker returned the opening kickoff to the Kinston 40-yardline, and from there the Bulldogs wasted little time moving down the field for the game's first touchdown. After being stopped on the first play from scrimmage, Garrett Parker lofted a screen pass to Jerome Ball, and the speedy eighth-grader raced 34 yards down the right sideline to the Zion Chapel 26-yardline. Ball gained 15 yards on his next carry, and then reached the endzone on an 11-yard sprint to put the Bulldogs on the board. Shawn Brantley plowed his way up the middle for the two-point conversion, and with only 1:45 gone in the game Kinston was already on top 8-0.

Kinston regained possession at the Zion Chapel 41-yardline after a Rebel gamble failed on fourth down, and once again the Bulldogs headed back toward the Rebel goal line. Keith Tew gained 10 yards and moved the chains on the first play of the possession, while a key play came on third down and five when Garrett Parker faked a pitch on an option and rambled to a first down just inside the Zion Chapel 20-yardline.

Jerome Ball and Cole Meeks took turns carrying the ball and quickly moved the Bulldogs to the Rebel 5-yardline, where Ball again got the call and followed his blockers into the endzone on a 5-yard scoring run. Jeremy Driver kicked the extra-point and with 6:05 left in the first quarter Kinston was on top 15-0.

Zion Chapel began its next possession at its own 35-yardline and showed signs of life as the Rebels headed downfield for their first score of the night. Josh Smith connected with Brandon Taylor for a six-yard gain to get the Rebels going, while hard running by Charlie Hurd helped Zion Chapel move to a first down at the Kinston 46-yardline. The Rebel touchdown came on a 42-yard pass from Josh Smith to Hayden Osborn, and Osborn also tacked the extra-point as Zion Chapel cut the Kinston lead to 15-7 late in the opening quarter.

Zion Chapel regained possession on a successful on-sides kick and once again headed toward the Bulldog goal line. Hayden Osborn had two big gains to move the Rebels to the Kinston 33-yardline, but an incomplete pass and two short gains left the Rebels facing a fourth down play. Macon Hodge got the call on the crucial fourth down play and broke through a hole in the Bulldog defense and rammed all the way down the Kinston 11-yardline. Three plays later the Rebels were left facing a fourth down and inches from just outside the one, and the Bulldogs again converted as on fourth down Josh Smith bulldozed over for the Zion Chapel touchdown. Smith passed to Macon Hodge for the two-point conversion, and early in the second quarter the Rebels had rallied to pull even at 15-15.

Garrett Parker returned the ensuing kickoff to the Kinston 40-yardline, and the Bulldogs returned to their running game to march sixty yards to regain the lead. Jerome Ball and Keith Tew alternated rushes on the drive and ate up large chunks of yardage as they gained 25, 9, 10 and 10 yards to move the Bulldogs deep in Zion Chapel territory. Ball scored his third touchdown of the half on a 4-yard dash around the right end, and Jeremy Driver tacked on the extra-point as Kinston regained the lead at 22-15.

Zion Chapel began its next series at its own 15-yardline after a clipping penalty on the kickoff, but overcame the penalty and behind the running of Josh Smith and Hayden Osborn moved the football out to midfield. Another penalty against the Rebels backed the ball up, but the Rebels tried to bounce back again and moved to a fourth down and nine at the Rebel 49-yardline after a long pass completion from Josh Smith to Austin Smith. The Rebels rolled the dice once again on the fourth down play, and this time it turned up craps as on the fourth down play Cole Meeks picked off a Rebel pass and returned the interception 51 yards for a Kinston touchdown. Jeremy Driver kicked the extra-point, and the Bulldogs appeared to be back in charge with a 29-15 advantage.

Zion Chapel returned the ensuing kickoff to near midfield and behind the running of Josh Smith and Macon Hodge headed back down the field. The drive almost ended just inside the Kinston 15-yardline, but Josh Smith connected with Austin Smith for a 12-yard gain on fourth down and ten to keep the drive alive, and Hodge carried the ball over for the score on the next play. The extra-point try was blocked by Jeremy Driver, but the Rebels were still very much alive and had cut the Kinston lead to 29-21.

The Rebels received the second half kickoff and brought their fans to their feet by driving 65 yards for a touchdown. Zion Chapel faced a fourth down and six early in the drive, but converted the fourth down play for the fifth time in seven tries when Josh Smith kept on an option and raced to near midfield. Runs by Hayden Osborn and Macon Hodge moved the Rebels inside the Kinston 20,

and after a short gain by Charlie Hurd, Josh Smith dashed around right end for 15 yards and a Zion Chapel touchdown. A two-point try came up short, but midway through the third quarter the outcome of the game was still very much in doubt as the Bulldogs had chopped the Rebels' lead to only 29-27.

Kinston began its next possession at its own 53-yardline and began to move the ball down the field against the tiring Rebel defense. Jeremy Ball carried the ball eight times for 49 yards during the long scoring drive, while Garrett Parker kept the ball for three carries and scored the touchdowns on a 2-yard sneak. The extra-point sailed wide, but Kinston had a little breathing room with a 35-27 advantage.

Jeremy Driver recovered a Rebel fumble at the Kinston 29-yardline to end a Rebel scoring threat on the game's ensuing possession, and the Bulldogs quickly headed back down the field. A 31-yard gain by Jerome Ball on the final play of the third quarter gave the Bulldogs a first down at the Zion Chapel 40 and two plays later Ball again got the call and this time weaved his way through the Rebel defense on a 22-yard touchdown jump. The extra-point try failed, but with 10:17 remaining in the fourth quarter Kinston was back in command with a 41-27 lead.

Zion Chapel's next possession was marred by penalties as an offensive pass interference call took away a first down inside the Bulldog 20-yardline, and a string of unsportsmanlike conduct fouls backed the Rebels all the way up to their own 24-yardline. Cole Meeks knocked the ball loose from Zion Chapel quarterback Josh Smith on a Rebel pass play, and Jeremy Driver was there to scoop up the fumble and returned it 24 yards for yet another Bulldog score. Driver locked the extra-point, and Kinston had the win 48-27 in the cross-country clash.

Jerome Ball led all Kinston runners with 202 yards on 23 carries and 4 touchdowns, while Garrett Parker hit on 3 of 4 passes for 71 yards and also added a rushing touchdown. Cole Meeks and Jeremy Driver both scored defensive touchdowns.

Kinston will hit the road this week when they head to Brantley to battle the undefeated Brantley Bulldogs.

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SPOTLIGHT

TONY HARBUCK holds a 13 pound 1 ounce bass he caught on Sunday, September 28, while fishing in a private pond near Elba. He landed the big bass while using a plastic worm for bait and reported the lunker have him quite a fight. Also pictured is Justin Odom with other fish they caught during the trip.

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ZION CHAPEL DEFENSE... A host of Zion Chapel defenders combine to stop a Kinston running back at the line of scrimmage. The Rebels will host Florida this week in a Thursday night contest.



KINSTON BULLDOG DEFENSE... Two Kinston Bulldog defenders busy a Zion Chapel runner after a short gain. The Bulldogs defeated the Rebels 48-27 last week to improve their record to 2-3.

Region action continues for area teams as season reaches week #7

The high school football season will enter its seventh week of action this week and it is back to the region wars for all area teams. Following is a preview of this week's games.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

2-4 FLORALA AT 0-6 ZION CHAPEL

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to get into the win column for the first time this season tonight, Thursday, when they host the Florida Wildcats in a key region contest for the Wildcats. Zion Chapel scored 27 points last week in a road loss to Kinston, and the Rebel offense had success both running and passing. The Rebel defense continued to have its problems, however, as it allowed over 40 points for the fifth time in six games. Florida entered its region record at 2-2 with a 28-15 win last week over Pleasant Home, and despite their 2-3 record, the Wildcats know a win over the Rebels can give them a leg up on a possible playoff berth. Florida has claimed wins over Kinston, 18-15 and Pleasant Home, 28-13, while losing to Red Level, 40-22, Arton, 24-6, Cottonwood, 28-20 and New Brockton, 34-7. The Wildcats will be playing to keep their state playoff berth alive, while the Rebels will be playing for pride. It should be interesting.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

6-0 SLOCOMB AT 4-2 NEW BROCKTON

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to extend their two-game winning streak and improve their spot in the region standings Friday night when they host the highly-ranked Slocomb Red Tops. The Gamecocks evened their region record at 2-2 last week with a big 53-20 win over Geneva County, and a win this week over the

undefeated Red Tops could all put wrap up a play-off berth. New Brockton's Tyler Simmons reared the 1,000 yard mark last week with another big offensive performance, while Derrick Cook tossed two touchdown passes to help New Brockton record its highest point production of the season. Slocomb lost in the state semifinals to eventual state champion Southern Choctaw a year ago and the Red Tops are determined to make it all the way to Birmingham this season, and it is easy to see that after six games the Red Tops are on their way. Slocomb has posted wins over Graceland, 39-0, Houston Academy, 8-3, Geneva County, 40-12, Wicksburg, 61-0, Headland, 33-0, and G.W. Long, 28-0, and its last three games Slocomb has won by a combined score of 122-0. While there is no doubt the Gamecocks will have their hands full, the boys from Brockton are on a roll and will be confident when they take the field.

2-3 KINSTON AT 0-0 BRANTLEY

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to pull off the upset of the season and spoil the homecoming party at the same time Friday night when they head up to Brantley to battle the undefeated and highly-ranked Brantley Bulldogs. Kinston claimed its second straight win last week with a wild 48-27 win over Zion Chapel, and the 'Dogs from Coffee County will not be intimidated when they hit the field against their region rivals. Brantley made it look easy for the sixth straight week last Friday night in handing previously undefeated Arton a lopsided 40-14 loss, and 'Dogs from Crenshaw County have pounded any and all challengers throughout the season. Kinston will have to play a perfect game to pull off the upset, but the scoreboard will read 0-0 when they kick it off, and both teams should be prepared for a real battle.

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Boaters should watch out for zebras in the water

By now you are probably thinking, "Ole Ben has been in the Sun too long." But I'm not referring to the four legged animal of the African plains. I'm referring to the Zebra mussel. Zebra mussels are tiny clam-like animals the size of a fingernail with black and white stripes similar to the pattern on a real zebra.

These small mollusks are extremely adaptable and are spreading rapidly in many rivers of the southern states. They multiply rapidly and feed on microscopic aquatic plants so efficiently they can disrupt the food chain and cause fish populations to decrease. They have been confirmed in the Tennessee and Tenn-Tom waterways of Alabama.

Not only are these pests a threat to the fisheries of the state, they can wreak havoc on marine engines, power generation plants, and industries that have water intakes. They readily attach themselves to most any hard service and multiply. A power plant in Monroe, Michigan had to shut down because Zebra mussels had completely closed off the water intake pipe to the plant. They also threaten farmers' irrigation equipment and aquaculture intake pipes.

Recreational boaters, fishermen and commercial barge traffic spread Zebra mussels from one body of water to another.

Since they can attach to any hard surface, it is extremely important that boater take proper precautions to insure they are not spreading them to other waters. All boats, trailers and any equipment that gets wet should be thoroughly inspected and any aquatic plants removed. Motors, live wells, bilge pumps and transom wells should be drained on land before leaving the launch site. But buckets should be emptied and equipment should be washed with hot tap water if possible. If hot water is not available use 1/2 cup of salt to 1 gallon hot water. Salt will kill the mussels but it will also rust metal. Rinse off thoroughly with plenty of fresh water. High-pressure washers are also effective in removing Zebra mussels. If you keep your boat out of water for five days, any attached Zebras will die. Water from bait buckets should be drained on site and never emptied into another body of water.

Zebra mussels can reduce boat performance by attaching to the hull, which will decrease speed and affect handling. Engine failure is not uncommon in areas with severe infestations. They colonize in the intake of marine motors and slowly reduce the diameter until over-heating problems ruin the motor.

Boaters are the number one cause of the Zebra mussels' expansion, but they can also be the number one defense in stopping this "Kudzu of the Water" from expanding. If you suspect you have taken in waters containing Zebra mussels, follow one of the above-recommended decontaminating practices. We've got enough imported pests as it is.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Support Center Technician Training offered at LBWCC-MacArthur

The MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College will offer a six-week course in Support Center Technician Training. Classes begin on Wednesday, November 12, 2003. This training has been

developed to help local displaced workers and others prepare themselves for potential job opportunities in the wiregrass. This course is designed to provide the job-specific training needed for potential employ-

ment. The Support Center Technician training orientation/registration will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. in Room G-2 of the Computer Science Building. Training will begin on Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. Classes will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Classes will also be scheduled on Saturday during the daytime hours. The class size will be limited to twenty participants. Participants in the program will be required to attend all classes

and complete proficiency exams demonstrating their acquired training. The cost of the course is \$225.00 per participant. There will be additional costs for books and supplies. Eligible participants may qualify for reimbursement of the cost of the course and books/supplies through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). For more information contact the Adult Education and Skills Training Division on the MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College at (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.



COFFEE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF JACK HERBERT, right, was presented the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate during a Constitution Week luncheon Sept. 18 in Enterprise, Ala. Bruce H. Taylor, left, president, Wiregrass Chapter, SAR, presented the award.

8th Annual Pioneer Days Celebration planned at Pike Museum October 10 & 11

The Pioneer Museum of Alabama opened on U.S. Hwy 231 in Troy in 1971 with the main building and a log cabin situated on about 13 acres, for the purpose of preserving the history of the pioneers who settled this state. The collection continues to grow with the addition of artifacts, historic buildings and development of new programs and events. Today, the museum has 15 historic buildings, over 18,000 artifacts housed in the main exhibit building, picnic grounds, a covered bridge and an amphitheatre. It is located on over 35 acres of beautiful wooded land and boasts nature trails and wetland area complete with boardwalk and observation deck.

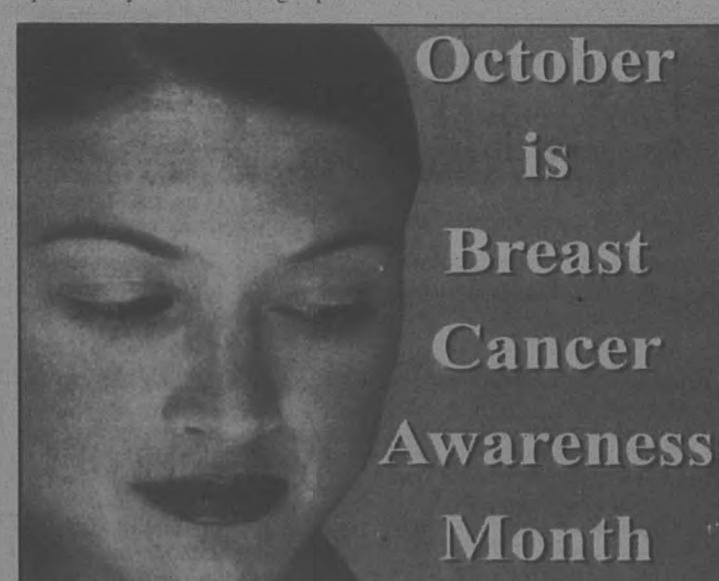
The Pioneer Museum of Alabama has become a well-known attraction enjoying a richly deserved reputation for the outstanding collections, displays, events and exhibits offered. Residents of the state, national and international tourists enjoy the facilities throughout the year but especially during the fall when Pioneer Days, a living history event, is offered.

An exciting trip into the past,

the 8th Annual Pioneer Days is scheduled for October 10 & 11. Activities and demonstrations reflect the history of Alabama from its settlement period through 1970, including our first pioneers, the American Indians. Encampments located throughout the pleasant, tree-shaded grounds offer enticing glimpses into the past. Stroll through Native American encampments to hear stories, learn hunting and day to day living skills, watch knife and tomahawk throws, see flintknappers creating arrow points, and corn being pounded as you learn about the southeastern tribes who lived in Alabama. Visit settlers, frontiersmen and traders in camp, teachers in our One Room Schoolhouse, blacksmiths at work, weavers weaving, spinners spinning cotton and wool and quilters quilting. Dip your own beeswax candle and dig for artifacts. Covered Bridge by foot or hop on a wagon pulled by beautiful Belgian horses. There you may sit for a while in our Log Church listening to music on the pump organ. Don't leave the area without stopping by the

nic lunch. If you're good and pay attention you may get in a little learnin' attending lessons in the One Room Schoolhouse. Just be sure not to misbehave and be sent to the corner. After school you'll be ready for more fun so you may want to catch a show. Bruce Brannen "The Southpaw", bull whip artist, trick and fancy roping, cowboy poet gives three fun Wild West performances throughout the day offering a loop full of cowboy fun for all ages! And "Doctor Phineas P. Phoghom's Magical Medical Traveling Show" will be on hand to entertain and entice you to try his cures and elixirs for every ailment and affliction. If you tire of walking, try riding our surrey with the fringe on top or hop aboard our Pioneer Express #14 and ride instead. Spend the weekend at the Pioneer Museum of Alabama. You'll leave with a new understanding of pioneer life and our remarkable heritage, taking home warm memories of a perfect weekend spent in the past.

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New Brockton School News
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N.B.H.S. Faculty Spotlight: Hangin' with Coach C

by Brandon Pynes

Coach Clark is the 10th and 11th grade history teacher and head football coach for New Brockton. He has been teaching for about a decade, and has been the head coach for four years. I recently sat down with him to ask a few questions.

Where did you go to college? I have a business degree in social science at the University of Alabama, and a Masters in education leadership at T.S.U.D.

What made you want to become a teacher and a coach? I was studying to be a business accountant; I was bored out of my mind, and thought to myself is this what I want to do with my life, and I thought to myself "no" I got up in the middle of the lecture, went to the education department, and asked how do I become a teacher. I majored in history and became a teacher and a coach.

Why did you decide to come back to New Brockton? I got a job offer from Troy and New Brockton in the same day. I didn't have enough money to move to Troy, so I came to New Brockton.

How did you feel when you became head coach? Overwhelmed. I put a lot of pressure on myself. We didn't have a lot of seniors or juniors, but we



Coach Clark

had a lot of sophomores and freshmen. The players and coaches stuck with it, and we had the best season in over a decade.

Describe your ride as a head coach. It was rough at times. I had great guys to work with and help along the way. We were able to make positive impressions on players through the years.

How would it feel to beat H.A. and Slocomb? Might as well go ahead and die.

You're starting a F.C.A. What made you think it needed to be started? I went on a mission trip with the church to West Alabama. I thought to myself how could I let people know that I'm a Christian and lead them to Christ. Two or three people were thinking about it. It was almost like it was meant to happen.

Public vs. Private Schools: Is it fair? by Channon Stuckey

Why are private schools playing for the AHSAA state championship? I have asked quite a few NBHS students and the main complaint is that public schools are able to go out and recruit players and still compete for the same goal as our high school.

If our school recruited players we could get the death penalty. That would be awful.

N.B.E.S. sixth graders take peanut field tour

by Kristin Wood, Tevin McNair & Brittany Whitehead

On Friday, Sept. 26, Mrs. Padgett's and Mrs. English's classes attended the Peanut Field Tour sponsored by the Coffee Co. Extension Service.

The tour began in a peanut field at the Taylor farm where Mr. Caylor and Mr. Petcher talked to the students about how a peanut grows. The students also studied the equipment needed to grow a peanut crop.

The next stop was the Petcher farm where the students learned to do farm chores: shell corn, feed the cows, hogs, horses, mules, turkey, rabbits and chickens. On the hayride, they saw a sugar cane field, a cotton field, wild and oriental persimmon orchards and many flowers and vegetables.

At the Farm Center, the classes were treated to a wieners roast luncheon sponsored by Boswell Insurance Company. Mrs. Sandra Coffey and Mrs. Susan

Point in New Brockton. Mrs. Sharon Kelley began by weighing the whole class on a special scale. The students weighed over 5,000 pounds. She also showed them how to grade, dry, and clean the peanuts.

The tour was very educational and the students are thankful for the people who made it possible.

Notice: New Brockton Elementary School will host a Parent Visitation on Monday, Oct. 13, from 4-7 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend this event.

Coffee County Schools Menu October 13-17, 2003

BREAKFAST
Monday - Columbus Day Student Holiday
Tuesday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Corned, Green Salad, Tater Tots, Garlic Bread, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Sliced Turkey Roast w/ Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Jello, Fruit, Milk
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Taylor made homemade peanut butter and crackers for dessert. Mrs. Margaret Lindsey, Farm-City chairman, talked to the students about the importance of education. Mr. R.P. Flowers gave a speech about George Washington Carver and his many uses for peanuts. Mrs. Angela Hughes introduced the winners of the peanut essay contest, Kristin Wood and Brittany Whitehead, and presented them with a blue ribbon.

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N.B.E.S. sixth graders write peanut essays

by Kelly Wood, Kristin Wood and Brittany Whitehead

The sixth graders at NBES had to write an essay on peanuts. The topic was "Peanuts: A Healthy Harvest".

There was one winner in each class. Kristin Wood was the winner in Mrs. English's class. Mrs. Padgett's class winner was Brittany Whitehead.

They both had to read it aloud to the 6th graders. We could tell they were nervous, but they were great.

Get involved with Red Ribbon Week at New Brockton

Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated Oct. 27 - 31 at New Brockton Elementary School, and each day will have its own theme as follows:

Monday - Team Up Against Drugs (wear jersey)

Tuesday - Build a Drug Free America (wear patriotic clothes)

Wednesday - Put a Cap on Drugs (wear caps)

Thursday - Drugs and I Don't Mix (wear mismatched clothes)

Friday - Red Ribbon Day (wear red) - Balloons Released

Headlines like this are becoming more and more frequent for New Brockton's star running back.

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A strong, fast runner, Tyler also possesses a great work ethic. A teammate said, "Tyler's one of our hardest workers... a good leader."

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Tyler looks to improve on last year's record of 7-4 and in doing so surpass his 1000-yd season last year. Tyler said, "They're both goals this team can achieve."

NBHS Media Club delivers the news

This year's Media Club has been chosen. These 17 students will be responsible for producing the monthly school newspaper *From the Cockpit*. They must have and maintain a 3.0 GPA, and each one wrote an essay on "What It Means to Have School Pride." The staff published their first edition on October 1, 2003 and includes:

Editors: Sonya Hornsby, Lori Wade

Opinion Reporters: Heather Carroll, Andrew Hardiman

Cheslea Hollis, John Sawyer

Sports Reporters: Maressa Loman, Brett Parrish, Brandon Pynes, Channon Stuckey

Features Reporters: Emily Hardiman, Megan Holloway, Freda Kelley, Katie Richardson, Kerri Myers

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Kristin Wood and Brittany Whitehead

Senior running back Tyler Simmons rushes for career high numbers



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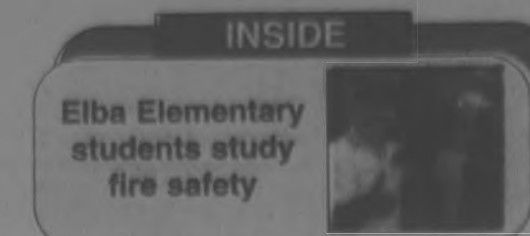
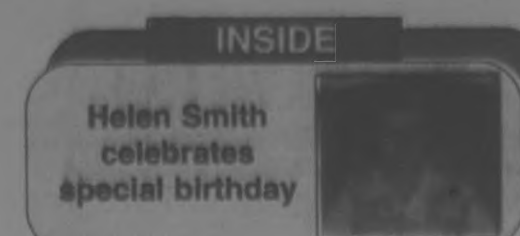
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Groundbreaking for new Elba Diagnostic Laboratory set for Tuesday, Oct. 21, in Elba

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 10:30 a.m., the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries will hold a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Elba Diagnostic Laboratory in Elba, Alabama. Commissioner Ron Sparks and other state and local dignitaries will be on hand for the ceremony. The building will be located immediately behind the existing J.B. Taylor Diagnostic Lab.

Commissioner Sparks states, "This is a great day for Alabama. With this new state-of-the-art lab we will be able to improve our diagnostic and biosecurity procedures. We will be able to enhance our animal and poultry safety programs for all of South Alabama."

The lab construction will cost

approximately \$2.2 million dollars with multi-source funding coming from a state bond issue, U.S. Senator Richard Shelby, State Senator Jimmy Holley and the Agriculture Development Authority.

With specific reference to the new state of the art Alkaline Digester Carcass Disposal System, that is a key component of the lab, Senator Shelby noted "The purchase of this system will allow Alabama to move into the forefront of agroterrorism prevention and response. Given the concerns that have been expressed about new animal diseases, I felt it was important for Alabama to have such an important tool for the quick disposal of diseased animals so we may prevent a widespread

outbreak and protect our agricultural procedures and consumers." "Agriculture is Alabama's number one industry, its represents 21% of our states workforce, a \$4.7 billion dollar industry that puts over \$40 billion dollars into our state economy. I will do everything in my power to ensure its ongoing safety", Sparks said.

Elba Mayor James Grimes, the Elba City Council, The Elba Industrial Development Board, Elba Chamber of Commerce, State Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer will all be involved in the official groundbreaking ceremonies.

A number of other state and federal dignitaries have been invited to the event but the VIP list is incomplete at press time.

Brick disagreement takes center stage at regular bimonthly meeting of Coffee County Commission

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The agenda for Monday's regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission seemed routine; however, the meeting was anything but that as a disagreement over brick consumed the majority of the meeting time.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple requested Joey Bradley, a associate of Waid, McNamara and Parrish, be present at the Monday morning meeting to discuss the Mount Pleasant Senior Citizen Center project.

Waid, McNamara and Parrish is the architecture firm hired to oversee this project. Dalrymple said he requested the senior center have a common red brick used on its facade so it would look similar to the brick on the Mount Pleasant Church. He also mentioned two different samples of brick in which Bradley sent him to look at for choosing.

"I have no problem with either brick, but they want extra money for the brick," Dalrymple said.

To this, Bradley said when he was designing the job, he didn't know what brick would be used; therefore, he said it is common to have a cost allowance in the bid proposal. With the bid proposal for the Mount Pleasant project, Bradley said he used a

cost allowance of \$200 per thousand brick.

After searching for the type brick Dalrymple requested, Bradley said the brick that best matches the church is one at \$224 per thousand brick which resulted in a total upcharge of \$624 for the project.

"This is not an uncommon thing," he said. "It is a very minimal charge actually."

However, Dalrymple did not agree with the difference in cost from the bid proposal.

In his opinion, Bradley said he did not feel he would find the type brick Dalrymple requested under the cost allowance from the original bid proposal.

"I told you I wanted a brick similar to that of the church," Dalrymple said. "It's a common red brick."

He said he feels this difference in price is an additional charge and does not feel the county should have to pay more for the product.

Bradley said he would simply have to go back and find a brick within the cost allowance but could not assure it would be a red brick.

"I have no problem as long as it is a common red brick," Dalrymple responded. "I don't want it with different colors."

As the conversation continued in this manner for quite some time, Bradley insisted that if he had put in a cost allowance of

\$300 per thousand brick with his bid proposal he would be considered a hero Monday for saving so much money.

Bradley said the Mount Pleasant project is currently about 30 percent complete; however, the holdup on choosing a brick, as well as, a couple other decision matters including shingles could eventually force work to stop if something is not done soon.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook finally offered a motion to go ahead and accept the \$624 upcharge for brick and proceed, but Dalrymple said the job is not being held up because a brick has not been chosen.

Westbrook's motion died from lack of receiving a second, and Bradley completed his remarks by saying he would return to the office Monday and search again for a common red brick within the cost allowance of \$200 per thousand. He said he would submit a letter to the

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Elba City Council amends annual budget adopted during September council meeting

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Monday night the Elba City Council unanimously approved a resolution establishing fees for citizens requesting copies of city records. The resolution also sets out the procedure for requesting these records from the city clerk. Under the new rules, the first five pages requested will cost \$1.00 each. Additional pages over the first five will be 50¢ each.

Mayor James Grimes told council members of a recent meeting in which the League of Municipalities explained which municipal records are available to the public and which records are confidential.

The council also approved another resolution. This one was a form necessary to move forward with a \$2,500,000 Industrial Development Revenue Bond issue for the new

manufacturing facility for Toledo Molding & Die, Inc. which is building a new manufacturing plant in Elba.

The Elba City Council members had previously called for a work session to discuss the budget for the new year, which began on October 1st. The

Elba automotive supplier opens trainee recruitment

Applications to enroll in training to become production operators for the Toledo Molding and Die Inc. plant under construction in Elba will be available Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Elba

Chamber of Commerce, 329 Putnam Street, and Alabama State Employment Service offices at 312 West Gate Plaza in Andalusia and in Enterprise at 2021 Boll Weevil Circle.

Trainees must complete the job preparation program conducted by Alabama Industrial Development Training which begins Nov. 4 to be considered for hiring which begins in mid-December. The plant will employ 100 production operators by the end of 2004. Applicants selected for training will be notified of the training schedule and location.

TMD, headquartered in Ohio, supplies injection-molded plastic parts for vehicle heating and cooling systems. Wages start at \$8 per hour depending on skills and experience. Employee benefits include medical insurance, paid holidays and vacation time.

Applicants with have a high school diploma or GED and at least six months of industrial experience are preferred. TMD will select employees

from the trainees who successfully complete the AIDT training program. Training completion does not guarantee a job offer and trainees are not obligated to accept an offer.

AIDT training programs are provided at no cost to trainees. Trainees are not paid by their potential new employer while enrolled in the program.

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Area Happenings

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL will host its annual College Day program Thursday, Oct. 16, from 8:30 until 9:45 a.m. Representatives from numerous colleges throughout the state as well as recruiters from all branches of the armed forces will be on hand to speak with students and distribute valuable information. Parents of seniors at Elba, Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel high schools are invited to attend the program between 8:30 and 9:45 a.m. For further information, call 897-2256.

THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Oct. 17, as the Elba Tigers travel to Calhoun, the New Brockton Gamecocks travel to G.W. Long, the Kinston Bulldogs travel to Cowardwood, and the Zion Chapel Rebels host the Granite Bulldogs.

THE 2003 OCTOBER BRICK TON will host its Fall Festival on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the new Brookhaven Memorial Park. Activities will continue throughout the day, and it should be fun for the entire family. There will be an admission charge to attend this event; however, donations will be accepted.



Reagan Kelley



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NOTICE

Elba's Animal Control officer George Homyak last week reported the finding of another rabid animal in the Elba area.

According to Homyak, a rabid raccoon was found in the area of N. Morrow Street last Monday, Oct. 6, and tested positive for rabies.

This is the second animal to test positive for rabies in Elba during the past month. Aggressive wildlife behavior is being monitored. Residents are urged to call the Elba Police Dept. at 897-2256.